TSUBASA-SAN!!
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO WORRY ABOUT HER RIGHT NOW!
WHAA!
!?
THE NOISE ARE...!!

NOW BE A GOOD GIRL AND JUST COME OVER TO-
YOU WERE MY TARGET FROM THE BEGINNING!
THE NOISE ARE BEING CONTROLLED BY A HUMAN!?
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THAT SONG IS...!!
YOU ...
TSUBASA-SAN!
I VOWED TO NEVER REPEAT MY FAILURE...
BURN THIS MEMORY INTO YOUR HEART!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE RESOLVE OF THOSE WHO LIVE AS GUARDIANS!

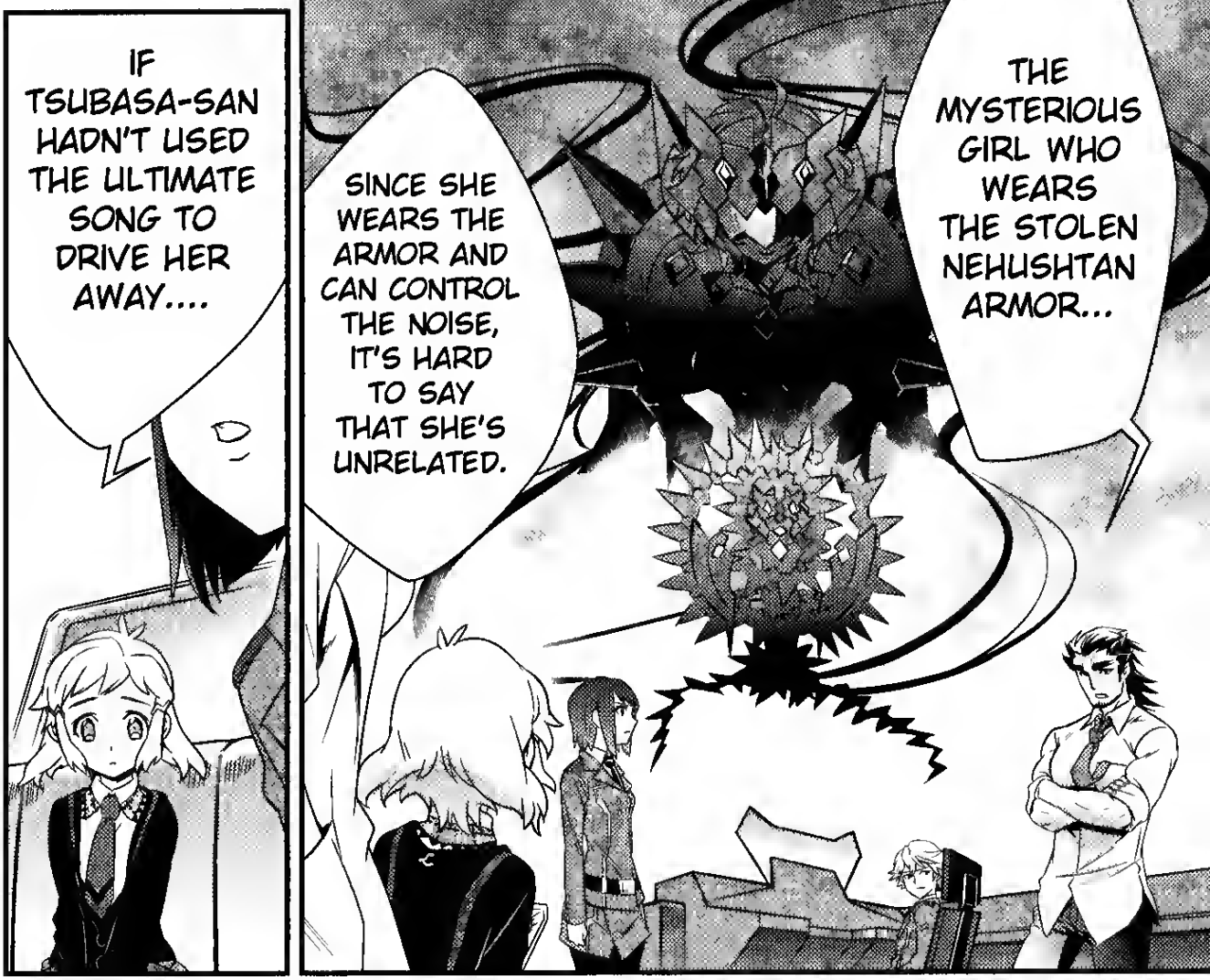
ULTIMATE
SONG
....KI-CHAN
HIBIKI-CHAN

EH?
AHEM!

THAT'S NO GOOD.
YOU CAN'T BE SPACING OUT DURING OUR MEETING.
O-OH, I'M SORRY!

YES, FOR SACRIST D.
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "DURANDAL."
UM ... WELL, LET'S SEE.
YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT PLANS FOR A TRANSFER?

IT'S A COMPLETE RELIC THAT WE KEEP STORED IN THE DEEPEST PART OF OUR BASE.
THE FREQUENT OUTBREAKS OF NOISE THAT HAVE BEEN CENTERED AROUND DIVISION 2'S BASE ...
FROM THESE THE GOVERNMENT HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT SOMEONE IS TARGETING DURANDAL.
THIS RELIC IS A HOLY SWORD THAT GIVES OFF UNLIMITED ENERGY WHEN IT'S ACTIVATED.
YOU MEAN THAT GIRL IS ONE OF THEM?


THE MYSTERIOUS GIRL WHO WEARS THE STOLEN NEHUSHTAN ARMOR...
SINCE SHE WEARS THE ARMOR AND CAN CONTROL THE NOISE, IT'S HARD TO SAY THAT SHE'S UNRELATED.
IF TSUBASA-SAN HADN'T USED THE ULTIMATE SONG TO DRIVE HER AWAY....

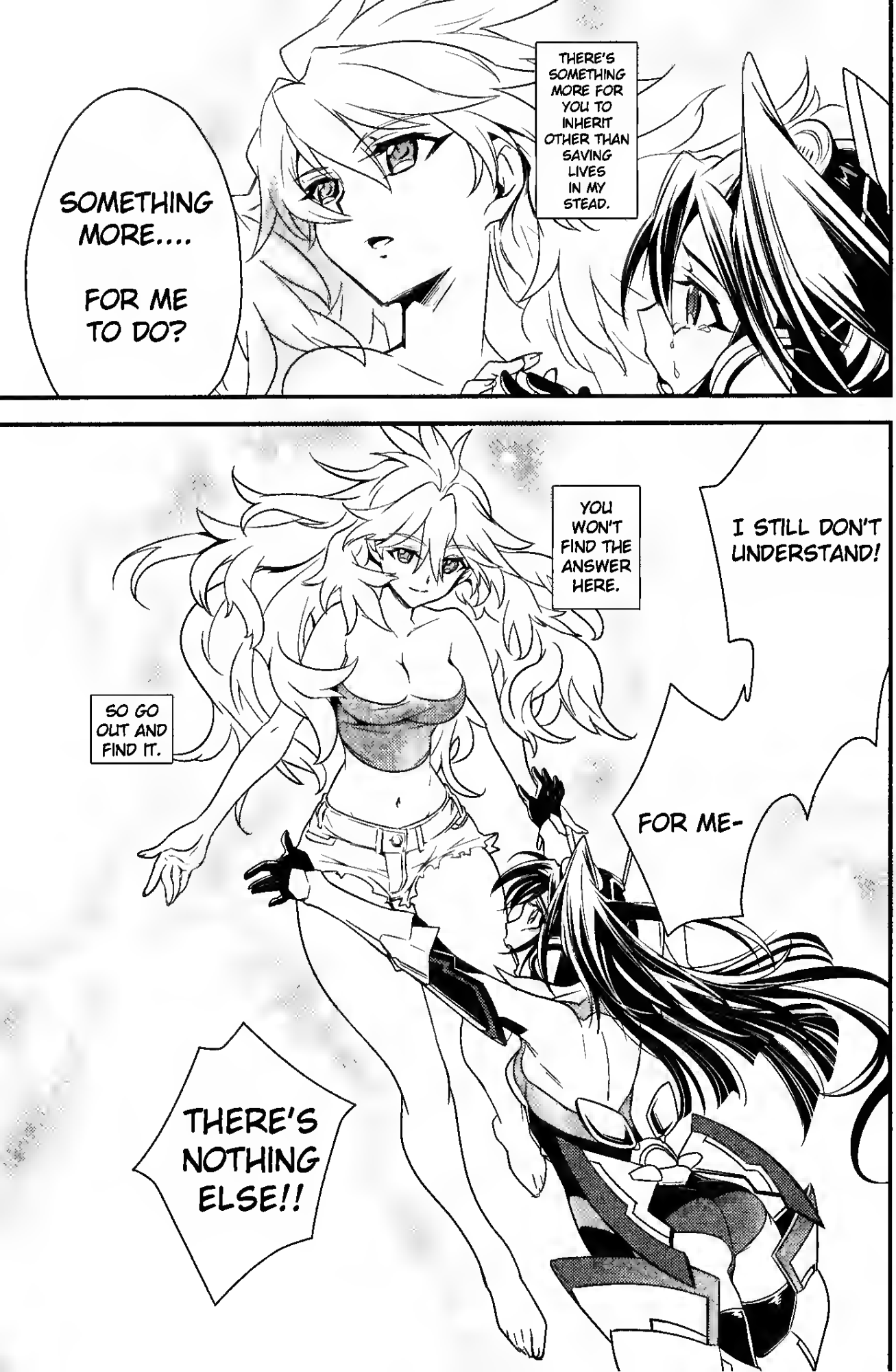
THE FACT THAT SHE WAS AFTER HIBIKI-KUN LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT THEIR TARGET IS DIVISION 2.
I GUESS IT'S TRUE ....
TSUBASA-SAN WASN'T JUST TRYING TO GET THE NEHUSHTAN ARMOR BACK...
SHE ALSO WANTED TO PROTECT ME...

FROM ALL THIS INFORMATION IT'S CLEAR WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IS THAT CONTINUING TO KEEP DURANDAL STORED AT OUR BASE IS NOT A VIABLE PLAN.
RYOKO-SAN...
SO FOR THAT REASON, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HIBIKI-KUN FOLLOW ALONG AS AN ESCORT.
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS A LITTLE TOO RISKY, SIR?
INDEED.
WHEN WE MOVE DURANDAL SOMEWHERE ELSE, IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY WE'LL BE MET WITH ANOTHER ATTACK FROM THAT GIRL.

IF YOU FEEL INDEBTED TO THOSE THAT PROTECTED YOU, RETURN THE FAVOR BY SHOWING THEM THAT YOU CAN PROTECT THE THINGS IMPORTANT TO YOU WITH YOUR OWN ABILITY.
YOU .... WANT ME TO DO IT?
THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PROTECTED.
...YES, SIR!

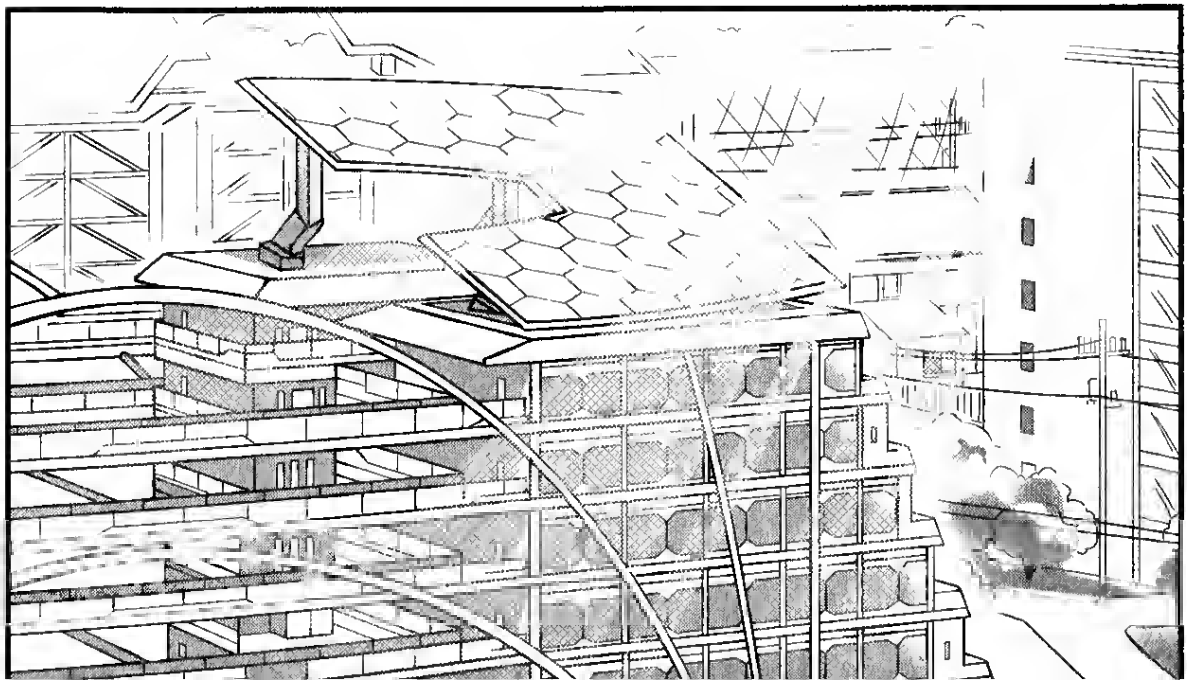
AND FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE WHO DID THE PROTECTING AS WELL-
KANADE...
KANADE...
I'M STILL LIVING IN DISGRACE, UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING...

IF ALL YOU DO IS CHASE AFTER ME, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO START ANYTHING OF YOUR OWN.
KANADE!!
WITHOUT YOU KANADE, I'M USELESS AND CAN'T DO ANYTHING!
BUT!
THAT'S NOT TRUE, YOU PROTECTED A LOT OF LIVES JUST BY YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?

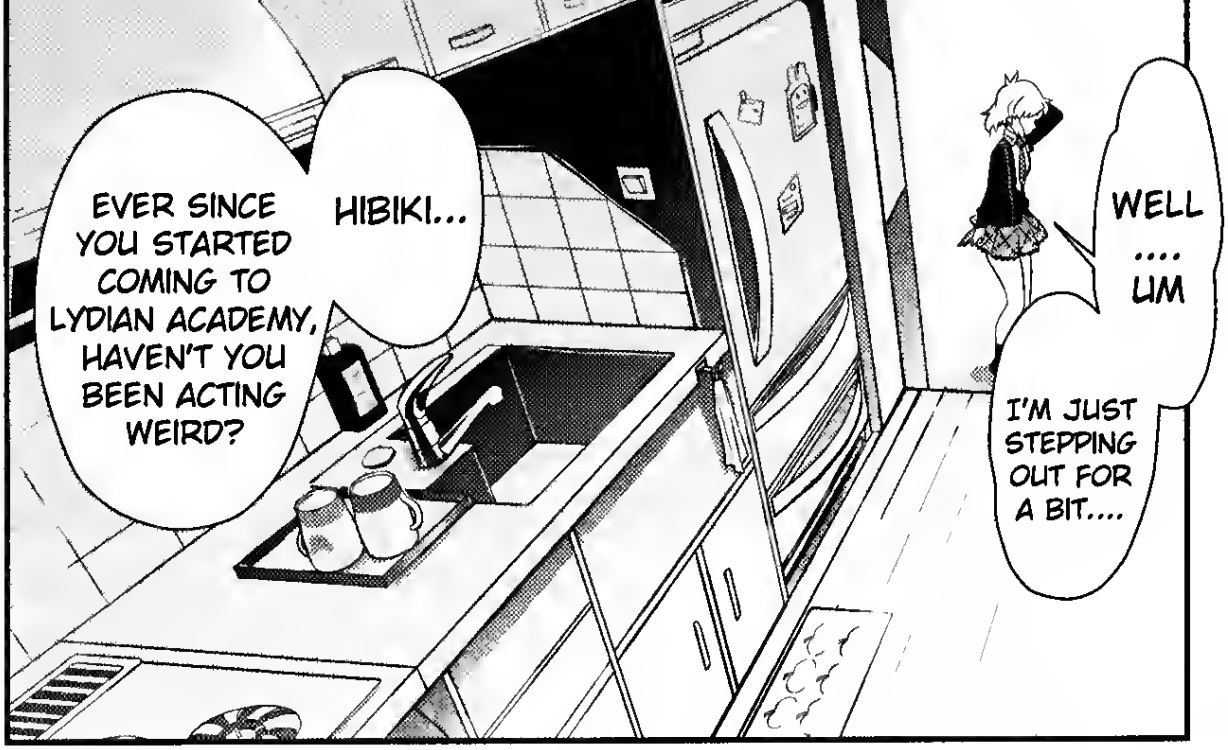

THERE'S SOMETHING MORE FOR YOU TO INHERIT OTHER THAN SAVING LIVES IN MY STEAD.
SOMETHING MORE....
FOR ME TO DO?
YOU WON'T FIND THE ANSWER HERE.
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND!
SO GO OUT AND FIND IT.
FOR ME-
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE!!

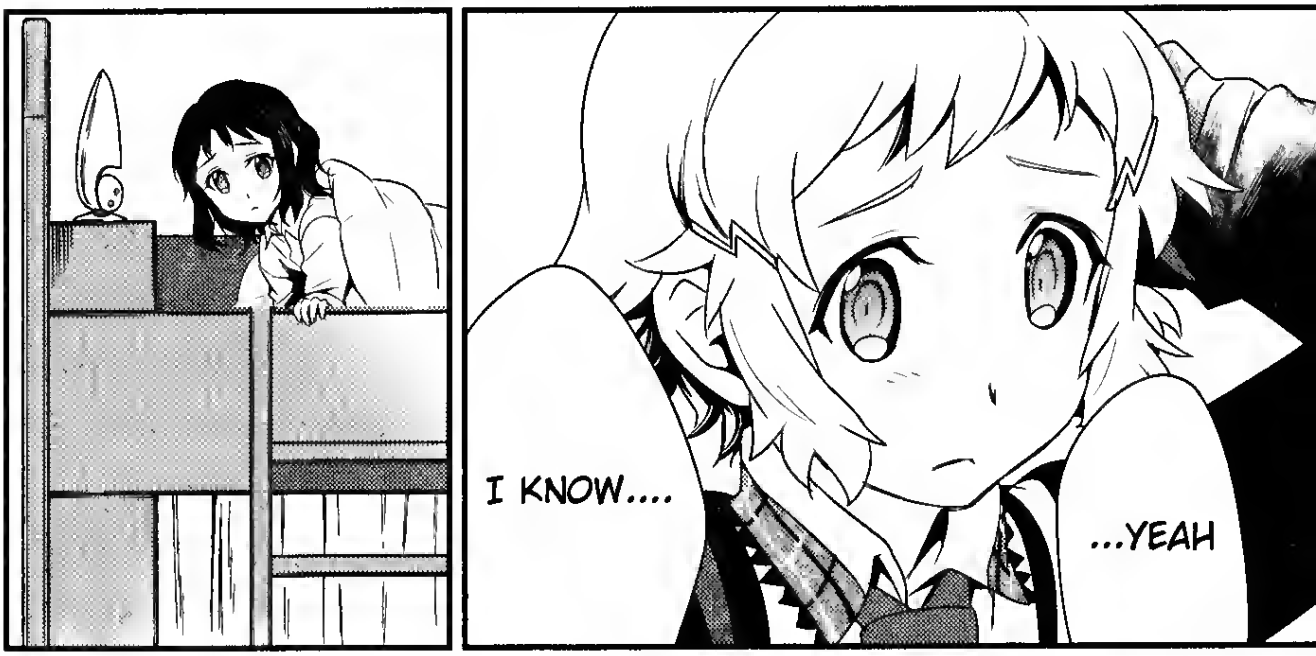
KANADE!

KANA....DE....



I'M GOING OUT NOW ....
HUP!
WHERE COULD YOU BE GOING AT THIS HOUR?


HIBIKI...
EVER SINCE YOU STARTED COMING TO LYDIAN ACADEMY, HAVEN'T YOU BEEN ACTING WEIRD?
WELL .... UM
I'M JUST STEPPING OUT FOR A BIT....


I KNOW....
...YEAH

I'LL LEAVE THE DOOR UNLOCKED FOR YOU.
SO JUST BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

I'M SORRY, MIKU!
BUT, THANK YOU!!
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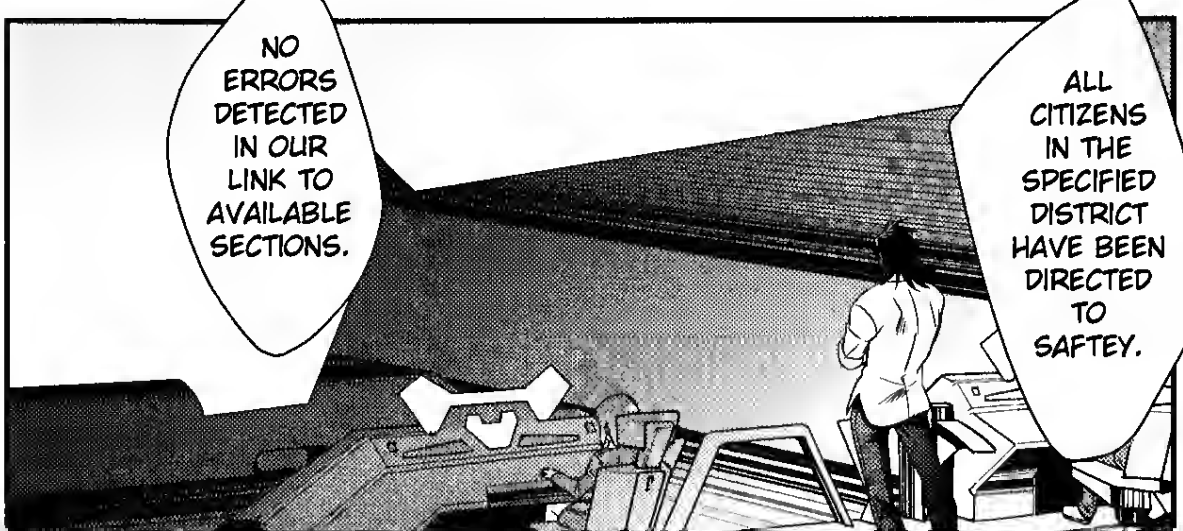
PROTECTING THE THINGS IMPORTANT TO YOU-
AS LONG AS I'VE GOT THE POWER TO DO THAT, THEN...!!


NO ERRORS DETECTED IN OUR LINK TO AVAILABLE SECTIONS.
ALL CITIZENS IN THE SPECIFIED DISTRICT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO SAFTEY.

THE VEHICLES CURRENTLY TRANSPORTING DURANDAL ARE PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE.
THEY ARE CURRENTLY PASSING THE CHECKPOINT!
ALRIGHT, LOOKING GOOD!

COORDINATE WITH SECTION 1 AND START DEPLOYING PEOPLE TO CHECK EACH SECTION INDIVIDUALLY.
COVER ALL THE UNMANNED ROUTES SPANNING THE AREA UNTIL THEY REACH THE NETWORK ROOMS DEEP INSIDE NAGATACHOU!
THEN WE'LL MAKE SURE DURANDAL GETS THERE IN ONE-
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WHAT THE!?
SHE'S HERE!
IT'S THE ARMORED GIRL!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT THEN STEP ASIDE!
THIS TIME I WON'T MISS ON PURPOSE!
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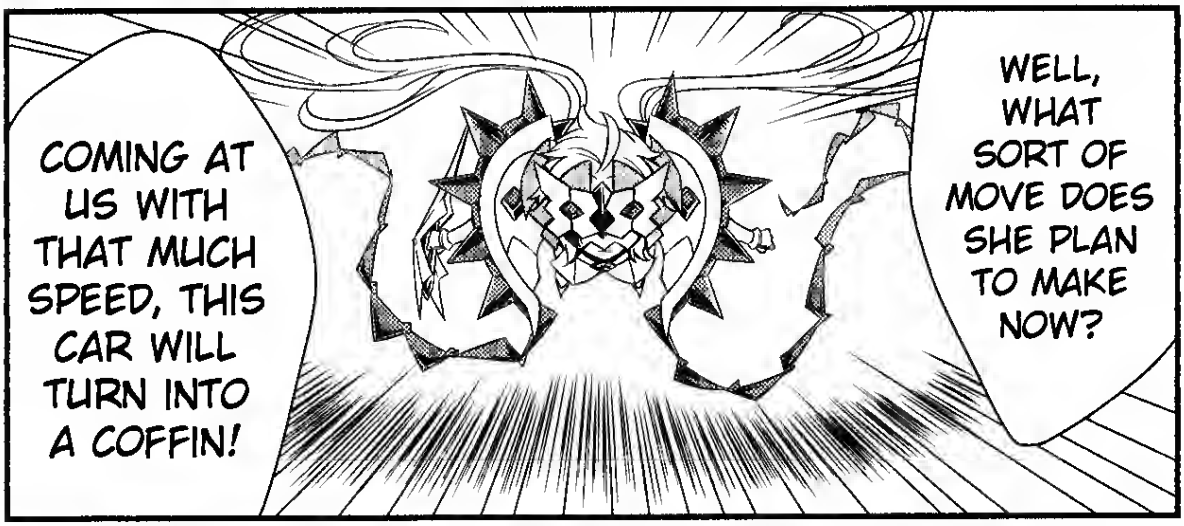
THE HIGHWAY HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO PIECES, FURTHER PURSUIT IS NOT POSSIBLE!
SO, SHE WANTED TO ISOLATE THEM...
THEN HER TARGET IS DEFINITELY DURANDAL-
HIBIKI-KUN!

RYOKO-SAN!
SHE CAME FASTER THAN WE PREDICTED, IT SEEMS ....


WELL, WHAT SORT OF MOVE DOES SHE PLAN TO MAKE NOW?
COMING AT US WITH THAT MUCH SPEED, THIS CAR WILL TURN INTO A COFFIN!

WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IDEALLY WE COULD JUST LEAVE DURANDAL BEHIND AND-
WE CAN'T DO THAT!

WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT LET HER HAVE IT!
HIBIKI-CHAN...
!!

OH NO...
HOLD IT!!
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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE CASE!
I'LL PROTECT IT!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE FIGHT IN YOU...

I'LL NEVER LET GO
OF THIS HAND THAT I'M HOLDING
I CAN'T AFFORD TO GO BACK EMPTY-HANDED EITHER, YOU KNOW!

SEE HOW WARM IT IS?
THE WARMTH THAT PEOPLE MAKE
I DON'T NEED TO USE COMPLEX WORDS
YOU ALREADY KNOW, OUR BRAVE MINDS RESONATE

FASTER AND FASTER IT'S RISING UP
WITHOUT EVER STOPPING
!!
DURANDAL IS RESPONDING TO HIBIKI-CHAN'S SINGING....?
SO MUCH THAT IT WILL OVER-FLOW

KYAA
!!
DURANDAL IS...!?

IF I CAN JUST GET CONTROL OF IT-
SO THAT'S DURANDAL!
I ALSO HAVE...
THINGS THAT I WANT TO PROTECT!!

AND THAT IS WHYYYYYYYY
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I DID IT!!
SHE BEAT ME!?

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WHAT... IS...?
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TSUBASA-SAN ...
HMPH! WHAT A COMPLETE WASHOUT.
NOBODY INVITED YOU TO BARGE IN, YOU KNOW!